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In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 31, 2005, enclosed are a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b, Applicants' Comments on Examiner's October 20, 2004 Reasons for Allowance, 5 sheets of formal drawings, and a check for \$1730 for the required issue fee and publication fee, including patent copies.

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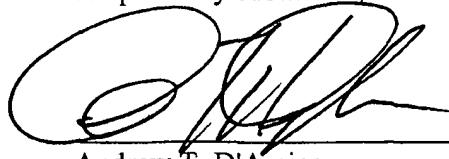
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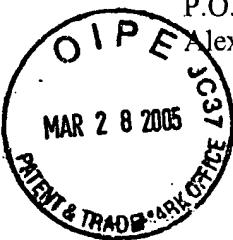
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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S
OCTOBER 20, 2004 REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants recognize that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. Applicants note that the Examiner's reasons for allowance as stated in the October 20, 2004 Notice of Allowance appears to paraphrase limitations recited in the allowed independent claims.

Applicants agree that the claim limitations paraphrased by the examiner's Reasons for Allowance are not taught or suggested by the art of record, and that the allowed claims are distinguished from the cited prior art for at least the reasons stated in the Reasons for Allowance, which are sufficient for allowance of all claims.. Applicants do not concede that the stated reasons are the only grounds for patentability of the allowed claims, that the limitations excluded from the Reasons for Allowance are taught or suggested by the art of record, or that all of the limitations are necessary for patentability of the allowed claims or other claims directed to the disclosed subject matter.

In particular, applicants do not concede that all of the identified limitations—i.e., the combination of "a common mode filter ... for producing an offset signal ... and a differential mode filter ... for ... producing variations in resistance between the input and output to offset the

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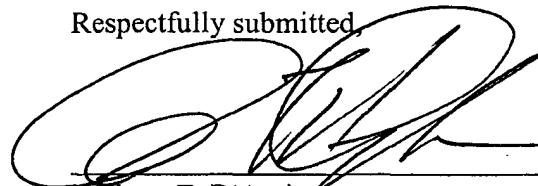
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differential signal" (in independent claims 1 and 22) or "a common mode filter ... and a controlled impedance return path having a first end connected between the power source and the input of the common mode filter and a second end connected to the output of the common mode filter" (in independent claims 6 and 27)—are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, dependent claims 2-5, 7-21, 23-26, and 28-40 are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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